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Barrett Announces Additional Measure to Improve Public Safety

MILWAUKEE – The City of Milwaukee Fire & Police Commission is obtaining the services of Hanover Justice Group, LLC in an effort to more effectively address crime throughout the city, Mayor Tom Barrett announced today.

Thanks in part to financial support from the Bradley Foundation in the amount of \$188,400, the City is working with Hanover to review violent criminal activity in Milwaukee and identify strategies the Milwaukee Police Department can employ to have a sustainable impact on the level of crime in the City. No public dollars will be spent on the review.

The work will be led by Dr. George Kelling, professor at the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University where he is also Chairman of the nationally recognized Police Institute. Dr. Kelling is one of the country's best known crime control analysts and a co-author of the "broken windows" theory of crime control, which contends that unchecked disorder and other signs of crime lead to increased fear, more serious crime and more severe urban decay.

Dr. Kelling has consulted with police agencies around the world on crime control issues and is currently working with Chief Bill Bratton and the Los Angeles Police Department.

"As we work to strengthen our Police Department, it's important to me that we are using every resource as best we can to make our residents and neighborhoods safer," said Mayor Tom Barrett. "I am grateful to the Bradley Foundation for their partnership in our efforts to reduce crime in the community. This work will dovetail with the other work already underway to impact violent crime in Milwaukee."

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The proposed work is not a management analysis of the Milwaukee Police Department, but an action assessment to identify strategies and the organizational support needed to increase safety in neighborhoods.

“George Kelling’s ground breaking work has been a template for progress in the fight against crime throughout the United States. Milwaukee can benefit greatly from his expertise in directing an array of resources to reduce crime,” said Fire & Police Commission Chairman Leonard Sobczak.

The overall objective of the Hanover Justice Group’s work is to increase the effectiveness of the Police Department in addressing crime and disorder in Milwaukee. The work is expected to be completed by the end of September.

Michael W. Grebe, President of the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation added, “Like others in the community, the Bradley Foundation is concerned about public safety, and we have great confidence in the work of Dr. Kelling and his associates. We are pleased to be able to support this project.”

Dr. Kelling is expected to present his intentions to the Fire & Police Commission at a regularly scheduled meeting tonight at 5:30 p.m. in Room 301-A of City Hall.